

Upon searching for comments that I saw on this site on Friday 5-30-2003, i.e., comments from 5-29-2003, I see that they are not there now. I put in a comment on 5-30-2003 so I presume that has been lost as well. So I am sending it again in this comment.: I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private interest. I oppose any vote you take that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to reduce the caps on ownership. I favor less media consolidation than 35%, unless the UHS channel regs are adjusted to take into account that they are about equivalent now, with the todays technology, with non-UHS channels. News and programming from consolidated ownership will be subject to the same agenda of the corporation that owns it - pretty much whatever who they are beholden to want, and what makes money for that company. The public knows that. From what I hear, most people are against media consolidation. As public servants it is your duty to listen to and take into consideration what the majority want not what corporations want. Corporations make money by getting control of resources. So naturally they want control of all they can get hold of. But not all resources are theirs to take. Consolidation takes away opportunities for all to have access to a resource that is not for sale that they are supposed to have access to, because only the very rich will be able to afford them. Only ideas that the very rich allow will be given space or airing. Corporations cannot be trusted to do what is best for the US citizens because they are motivated by profit and hence efficiency, usually at the cost of quality and diversity. Supposedly you guys can be trusted to serve the publics interests AND keep democracy protected. Please do so. If you have ties to corporations you must put those aside in this job and fulfill your obligations to the public. Preserving freedom of speech and opportunities for ALL is your mandate!